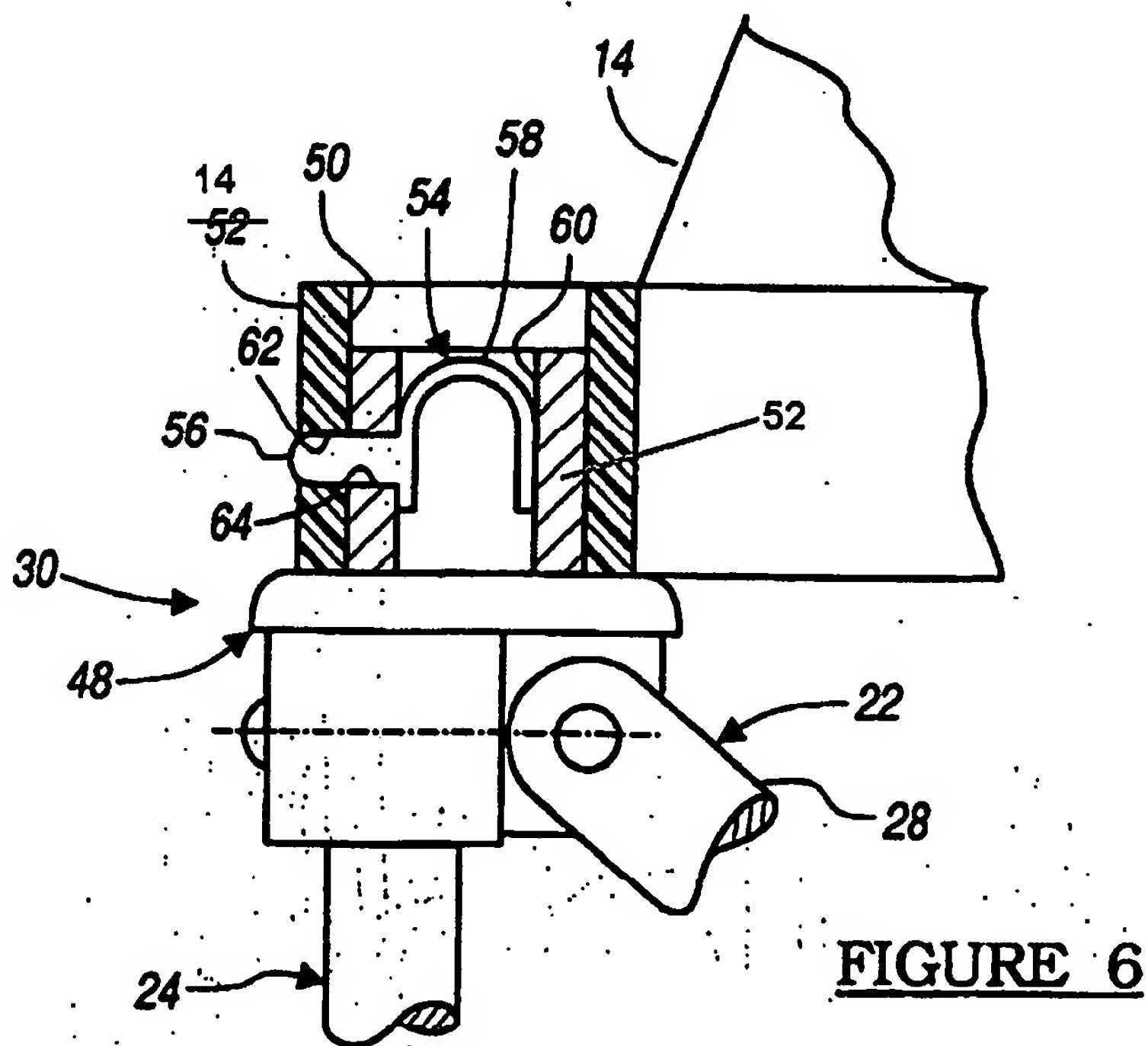


AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Drawings

A replacement sheet of drawings including changes to Figure 6 is attached and an annotated copy of Figure 6 identifying changes made is included below. Specifically, Figure 6 has been amended to change original reference numeral 52 to 14 and to add reference numeral 52 to indicate the location of the pivot block projection 52 within the bore 50. Support for the amendments is found in the originally filed application, for example, at paragraph [0030]. No new matter has been added. The Applicant believes that the objections to the drawings and the specification are now moot. Applicant respectfully requests that objections to the specification and drawings be withdrawn.

Annotated Marked-Up Drawing



REMARKS

As an initial matter, the Examiner still objected to the drawings. Figure 6 has been modified to replace original reference numeral 52 with reference numeral 14. In addition, reference numeral 52 was added with a lead line to indicate that the lightly cross hatched element positioned between the darker cross-hatched element and the wave spring 58 is indeed the pivot block projection. Applicant also contends that the objection to the specification is unwarranted because the pivot block projection 52 is indeed that feature projecting from pivot block 48 in Figure 2 and 3. Figure 6 is a partial cross section of a corner of the saw base and thus pivot block projection must be and is shown and is identified with reference numeral 52. Applicant contends that the amended Figure 6 is consistent with each of the other Figures and with the specification. Therefore, Applicant requests approval of the drawings and withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

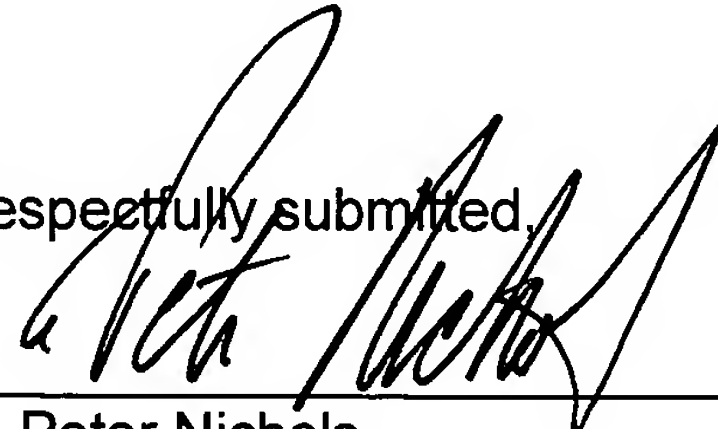
The drawings were also objected to because the motor and spindle as set forth in claim 20. Claim 20 has been amended to remove the reference to the motor and spindle, which should obviate the rejection and should not alter the conclusion of patentability.

Turning now to the claims, it is acknowledged that claims 20-27 are allowed. Claims, 12-14, 18 and 19, however, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang and Ceroll (US 6,595,096) or in view of Chen, Tsai (US 6,499,705 and Byung (US 6,505,565). To obtain early allowance of the application, the rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice to present them in a continuation application. Therefore, the rejection is now moot.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections. If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that the above amendments and remarks do not put the claims in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

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